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At the Court at WHITEHALL, *March* 6. 1664.

Preſent,

The Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty.

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of *York.*
Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury.*
Duke of *Buckingham.*
Duke of *Albemarle.*
Duke of *Ormond.*
Lord Great Chamberlain.
Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of St. *Alban.*
Earl of *Sandwich.*
Earl of *Angleſey.*
Earl of *Bathe.*
Earl of *Carliſle.*
Earl of *Lauderdail.*
Earl of *Middleton.*
Earl of *Carbery.*
Lord Biſhop of *London.*
Lord *Berkley.*
Lord *Aſhley.*
Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Morice.
Mr. Secretary Bennet.

IT was Ordered by His Majeſty in Council, That an Order this day read and approved at the Board, for Diſpenſing for ſome time with certain Clauſes of ſeveral Acts concerning Trade, Shipping and Navigation, be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

John Nicholas.

HIs Majeſty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, is pleaſed to Declare and Order, That an Act of Parliament made in the Parliament begun at Weſtminſter the Five and twentieth day of April in the Twelfth year of

His Majesties Reign, and confirmed by the Parliament begun at Westminster the eighth day of May, in the Thirteenth year of His Majesties Reign, intituled, [An Act for encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation] and all the proceedings therein or thereby directed, Be totally suspended in all the matters and things therein contained, concerning, or relating to any Ships or Vessels, their Masters or Mariners, their Guns, Furniture, Tackle, Ammunition and Apparel, or to any Goods or Commodities imported, or exported to, or from Norway, or the Baltique Sea.

And His Majesty doth further Order, That the said Act, and all the proceedings therein, or thereby directed, be totally suspended in all the matters and things therein contained, concerning or relating to any Ships, or Vessels, their Masters or Mariners, their Guns, Furniture, Tackle, Ammunition and Apparel, or to any Goods or Commodities imported or exported to, or from any parts of Germany, Flanders or France, whereof the Merchants and Owners shall be His Majesties natural born Subjects.

And His Majesty is graciously pleased to declare and grant, That not only His Majesties natural born Subjects, but all Merchants of any Nation in Amity with His Majesty, may import from any parts whatsoever, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Masts, Salpeter, and Copper; and upon importation thereof shall be liable to pay only such Duties, as by the Act of Tonnage and Poundage are imposed upon His Majesties natural born Subjects, and no other; Any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding. And

And his Majeſty doth further Order, that notwithſtanding the ſaid Act for Encouraging and encreaſing of Shipping and Navigation, and one other Act made in the ſaid Parliament begun at Weſtminſter the eighth day of May in the thirteenth year of His Majeſties Reign, intituled [An Act for the Encouragement of Trade] or either of them, or any Clauſe or Clauſes in them, or either of them to the contrary, It ſhall and may be lawful for any Engliſh Merchants, and they are hereby authoriſed, freely and without interruption, to make uſe of, and employ any Foreign Ships or Veſſels whatſoever, Navigated by Mariners or Seamen of any Nation in Amity with His Majeſty, for importing or exporting of Goods and Commodities, to or from any Port in England, Ireland, or Wales, to or from any of His Majeſties Plantations.

Provided, That no Goods or Commodities whatſoever, be by them imported into any of His Majeſties ſaid Plantations, but what ſhall be without fraud, Laden and Shipped in England, Ireland or Wales, and thence directly carried, and from no other place to His Majeſties ſaid Plantations.

Provided alſo, That ſuch Goods and Commodities as ſhall be by them laden or taken on Board at His Majeſties ſaid Plantations, or any of them, be brought directly from thence to ſome of His Majeſties ſaid Ports in England, Ireland or Wales. And all Governors, and Officers of the Cuſtoms are hereby charged and required, ſtrictly to obſerve all Rules, Directions and Orders for taking of Bonds or other Securities, and exacting all Forfeitures,

his Majesties Reign, and confirmed by the Parliament begun at Westminster the eighth day of May, in the Thirteenth year of his Majesties Reign, intituled, [An Act for encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation] and all the proceedings therein or thereby directed, Be totally suspended in all the matters and things therein contained, concerning, or relating to any Ships or Vessels, their Masters or Mariners, their Guns, Furniture, Tackle, Ammunition and Apparel, or to any Goods or Commodities imported, or exported to, or from Norway, or the Baltique Sea.

And his Majesty doth further Order, That the said Act, and all the proceedings therein, or thereby directed, be totally suspended in all the matters and things therein contained, concerning or relating to any Ships, or Vessels, their Masters or Mariners, their Guns, Furniture, Tackle, Ammunition and Apparel, or to any Goods or Commodities imported or exported to, or from any parts of Germany, Flanders or France, whereof the Merchants and Owners shall be his Majesties natural born Subjects.

And his Majesty is graciously pleased to declare and grant, That not only his Majesties natural born Subjects, but all Merchants of any Nation in Amity with his Majesty, may import from any parts whatsoever, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Masts, Saltpeter, and Copper; and upon importation thereof shall be liable to pay only such Duties, as by the Act of Tonnage and Poundage are imposed upon his Majesties natural born Subjects, and no other; Any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding. And

And his Majesty doth further Order, that notwithstanding the said Act for Encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation, and one other Act made in the said Parliament begun at Westminster the eighth day of May in the thirteenth year of His Majesties Reign, intituled [An Act for the Encouragement of Trade] or either of them, or any Clause or Clauses in them, or either of them to the contrary, It shall and may be lawful for any English Merchants, and they are hereby authorised, freely and without interruption, to make use of, and employ any Foreign Ships or Vessels whatsoever, Navigated by Mariners or Seamen of any Nation in Amity with His Majesty, for importing or exporting of Goods and Commodities, to or from any Port in England, Ireland, or Wales, to or from any of His Majesties Plantations.

Provided, That no Goods or Commodities whatsoever, be by them imported into any of His Majesties said Plantations, but what shall be without fraud, Laden and Shipped in England, Ireland or Wales, and thence directly carried, and from no other place to His Majesties said Plantations.

Provided also, That such Goods and Commodities as shall be by them laden or taken on Board at His Majesties said Plantations, or any of them, be brought directly from thence to some of His Majesties said Ports in England, Ireland or Wales. And all Governors, and Officers of the Customs are hereby charged and required, strictly to observe all Rules, Directions and Orders for taking of Bonds or other Securities, and exacting all Forfeitures,

and Penalties by the ſaid Acts or either of them required or enjoyned: ſave only in the Two Clauſes concerning Engliſh Ships or Engliſh Mariners herein before diſpenſed with. And laſtly, His Majeſty doth declare, That this ſhall continue and be in force during His Majeſties pleaſure: And when His Majeſty ſhall think fit to determine the Diſpenſation hereby granted, he will by His Royal Proclamation give ſix moneths notice thereof, To the end no Merchant or other perſon herein concerned, may be ſurprized.

Duke of *Buckingham.*
Duke of *Albemarle.*
Duke of *Ormond.*
Lord Great Chamberlain.
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John Nicholas.

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